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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DD/S&T

SUBJECT: Director's Briefing Book

Enclosed is a joint OEL/OSA update for the
Director's Briefing Book.

/s/ John N. McMahon

JOHN N. McMAHON
Director of ELINT
DD/S&T

(Signed) [REDACTED]

for WENDELL L. BEVAN, JR.
Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Special Activities

Attachment
As stated

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D. The Edwards Detachment serves as a test and development center for U-2 [REDACTED] collection systems. Additionally, they maintain a capability to deploy to any operating locations and conduct reconnaissance missions in response to National requirements. All CIA U-2 pilot training is conducted at this detachment.

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